

### **QUABOAG POND**

# (Brookfield / East Brookfield)

#### **General Information:**

This 531-acre pond averages 5.9 feet in depth with a maximum of 12 feet. Aquatic weeds are common along much of the shore. Residential development is moderate with several year-round homes and summer cottages. Half of the northern shoreline is bordered by Shore Road, while the remaining half is clustered with cottages and houses. About 2/3 of the eastern shore is developed, in contrast to the practically undeveloped western shoreline.

Boats can be launched at the north end of the pond off Shore Road. There is a paved launching ramp and parking space for 50 cars. Fishing, boating, and swimming are all popular.

### **Fish Populations:**

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer sampling effort. The pond supports a diverse fish fauna. Gamefish present include largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and northern pike. Seven species of panfish are present including white perch, yellow perch, black crappie, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, and redbreast sunfish. Bullheads, both yellow and brown, white suckers, golden shiners, and lake chubsuckers also inhabit the pond. Northern pike have been stocked here regularly since 1984.

# Fishing:

Fishing interest at Quaboag Pond is intense, particularly through the winter when anglers are in pursuit of northern pike. There are also good catches of largemouth bass, chain pickerel, white perch, yellow perch, and black crappie to be made. For those interested in summer fishing, Quaboag Pond has some of the best potential for bullheads around.